



Writers Read at Concordia

Irish Poet Sinéad Morrissey

Sinéad Morrissey was born in Co. Armagh in 1972 and grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is the author of four poetry collections: There Was Fire in Vancouver (1996), Between Here and There (2002), The State of the Prisons (2005), and Through the Square Window (2009). Her awards include the Patrick Kavanagh Award, an Eric Gregory Award, the Rupert and Eithne Strong Award, and the Michael Hartnett Poetry Prize. The State of the Prisons was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation and both Between Here and There and The State of the Prisons were shortlisted for the T. S. Eliot Prize. The State of the Prisons was also shortlisted for the Irish Times Poetry Prize and the John Llewellyn Rhys Commonwealth Literature Prize. In 2007 she received a Lannan Literary Fellowship. 'Through the Square Window' took first place in the UK National Poetry Competition the same year. She is lecturer in creative writing at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, Queen's University, Belfast.

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